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In re application of : **Confirmation No. 9008**  
Tomonori KATO et al. : Attorney Docket No. 2003\_1576  
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in further response to the Restriction Requirement of February 1, 2006.

Applicants, by their undersigned representative, hereby elect Species A, upon which claims 1-20 are readable.

Having made the required election, a full examination on the merits of the elected invention is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

Tomonori KATO et al.

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